



Alaska Saltwater Sport Fishing Survey

HELP US IMPROVE YOUR SPORT FISHING EXPERIENCE

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

D6 How many members are there in your household (including yourself)?

household members:

D7 Which of the following categories best describes your household's **TOTAL** annual income after taxes in 2002?

<input type="radio"/>	Less than \$15,000
<input type="radio"/>	\$15,000 - \$29,999
<input type="radio"/>	\$30,000 - \$44,999
<input type="radio"/>	\$45,000 - \$59,999
<input type="radio"/>	\$60,000 - \$84,999
<input type="radio"/>	\$85,000 - \$99,999
<input type="radio"/>	\$100,000 or more

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!

Please use the space below to make any comments you may have about this survey or add any additional information. If you have any questions regarding the questionnaire, please call **1-800-447-8287 x. 2236**



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Popular Alaska Saltwater Sport Fish

Pacific Halibut	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available throughout the season Average weight is approximately 25 pounds (range of 10 to over 100 pounds) Current limit is 2 per day
King Salmon (Chinook)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available throughout the season Average weight is approximately 25 pounds (range of 15 to over 50 pounds) Current limit is 1 or 2 per day depending on the area fished
Silver Salmon (Coho)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available in June through September Average weight is approximately 11 pounds (range of 7 to over 15 pounds) Current limit for all non-King salmon is a combined total of 6 per day (in some areas only 3 may be Silver salmon)
Other Salmon	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Red (Sockeye), Pink (Humpy), and Chum (Dog) salmon are available at different times throughout the summer months They are sometimes caught, but are rarely targeted by sport anglers in the SALTWATER off Alaska Current limit for all non-King salmon is a combined total of 6 per day (in some areas only 3 may be Silver salmon)

Fish artwork by: Sandy Noel

Questions? Call: 1-800-447-8287 x. 2236 or email us at alaskafishing@nustats.com

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SECTION A: Your 2002 Alaskan Sport Fishing Activities

The questions in this survey are about **YOU** and **YOUR** fishing activities and preferences. Except when asked, please do not include any information from other household members or other fishing party members. When completing the questionnaire:

Please print clearly. Use a pen in black or blue ink: **DO NOT USE PENCIL**

A B C Write numbers as two digits: 1 trip = **01** Fill in ovals completely: ●

A1 Approximately how many days did you sport fish in Alaska during 2002 (in both saltwater and freshwater)? **(count partial days as full days)**

<input type="radio"/>	1 – 2 days
<input type="radio"/>	3 – 5 days
<input type="radio"/>	6 – 10 days
<input type="radio"/>	11 – 20 days
<input type="radio"/>	Over 20 days
<input type="radio"/>	Did not fish

A2 When you fish in Alaska, do you ever take trips where you fish for more than **ONE** day during the trip?

<input type="radio"/>	Yes
<input type="radio"/>	No

A3 Did you sport fish for **HALIBUT** and/or **SALTWATER SALMON** in Alaska during 1999, 2000 or 2001? **SALTWATER SALMON excludes** salmon caught or dip netted in rivers or in the tidal saltwater at the mouth of a river.

<input type="radio"/>	Yes
<input type="radio"/>	No

A4 Did you sport fish for **HALIBUT** and/or **SALTWATER SALMON** in Alaska during 2002?

<input type="radio"/> Yes Continue	<input type="radio"/> No Skip to Section B
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DURING THE REST OF THE SURVEY, WE ONLY WANT TO KNOW ABOUT SALTWATER FISHING.

SECTION D: About You and Your Household

The following questions will help us to know more about anglers. The information you provide will remain **STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL**, and you will not be identified with your answers.

D1 How old are you?

Years:

D2 Are you . . . ?

<input type="radio"/>	Male
<input type="radio"/>	Female

D3 What is the highest level of education you have completed?

<input type="radio"/>	Some high school
<input type="radio"/>	High school graduate
<input type="radio"/>	Technical school
<input type="radio"/>	Some college
<input type="radio"/>	College graduate or more

Please answer **BOTH** question **D4** and **D5**.

D4 Are you Hispanic or Latino?

<input type="radio"/>	Yes
<input type="radio"/>	No

D5 What is your race? *(mark one or more to indicate what you consider yourself to be.)*

<input type="radio"/>	Alaska Native
<input type="radio"/>	American Indian, excluding Alaska tribes
<input type="radio"/>	Asian
<input type="radio"/>	Black or African American
<input type="radio"/>	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
<input type="radio"/>	White

C9 Did you know how many fish you could legally keep before you decided to take this trip?

<input type="radio"/>	Yes
<input type="radio"/>	No

C10 Approximately how much money did you **PERSONALLY** spend **DURING THIS TRIP?**
(do not include any costs paid by others)

Type of Expenditure		Personal Expenditures (most recent trip)
Transportation	Auto/truck fuel	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
	Auto/RV rental	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
	Airfare	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
	Cruise Ship	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Food/Lodging	Lodging (trailer parks, campgrounds, hotels, motels, B&B, etc.)	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
	Food, drink, and ice from grocery/convenience stores	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
	Food and drink from restaurants/bars	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Fishing Related	Guides or charter fees (including tips)	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
	Fishing gear, bait (bought or rented only for this trip)	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
	Fish processing, packaging, or shipping fees	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
	Fishing derby entry fees	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
	Boat fuel, lubricants and repairs	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
	Moorage or haul out fees	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
	Gifts/souvenirs	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Other: _____	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	

A5 Please tell us the number of trips and days you spent sport fishing for **HALIBUT** and/or **SALTWATER SALMON** in Alaska during 2002. (count partial days as full days) Also indicate whether you used a Private Boat, Charter Boat or fished from Shore (mark all that apply).

SALTWATER SPECIES FISHED FOR DURING TRIP	# of Trips	Total # Days Fished	Private (P) Charter (C) Shore (S)
Fished for BOTH Halibut and SALTWATER Salmon during trip	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/> P <input type="radio"/> C <input type="radio"/> S
Fished ONLY for Halibut during trip	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/> P <input type="radio"/> C <input type="radio"/> S
Fished ONLY for SALTWATER King Salmon during trip	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/> P <input type="radio"/> C <input type="radio"/> S
Fished ONLY for SALTWATER Silver Salmon during trip	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/> P <input type="radio"/> C <input type="radio"/> S

A6 Do you currently own or have access to a boat you can use for **HALIBUT** sport fishing in Alaska?

<input type="radio"/>	Own
<input type="radio"/>	Access
<input type="radio"/>	Neither

A7 Do you currently own or have access to a boat you can use for **SALTWATER SALMON** sport fishing in Alaska?

<input type="radio"/>	Own
<input type="radio"/>	Access
<input type="radio"/>	Neither

A8 Below are a few reasons why you may **SALTWATER** sport fish in Alaska. Indicate the extent you agree or disagree with each statement.

"A REASON I SALTWATER SPORT FISH IN ALASKA IS TO . . ."	Strongly Agree	Agree	Feel Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
. . . Experience fishing and catching fish in Alaska.	<input type="radio"/>				
. . . Spend time with family.	<input type="radio"/>				
. . . Spend time with friends or other people.	<input type="radio"/>				
. . . Eat something I caught myself.	<input type="radio"/>				
. . . Learn more about fishing or improve fishing skills.	<input type="radio"/>				
. . . Try to catch at least one large fish.	<input type="radio"/>				
. . . Catch a lot of fish.	<input type="radio"/>				
. . . Catch halibut.	<input type="radio"/>				
. . . Catch saltwater king salmon.	<input type="radio"/>				
. . . Catch saltwater silver salmon.	<input type="radio"/>				
. . . See marine life.	<input type="radio"/>				

A9 When you've **SALTWATER** sport fished in Alaska, have you sometimes released fish you are legally allowed to keep?

<input type="radio"/> Yes Continue	<input type="radio"/> No Skip to Section B
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A10 We would like to ask you about your preference for keeping the saltwater fish you catch in Alaska (**mark one for each species**). (refer to the front cover for descriptions of fish)

SALTWATER SPECIES	Have not fished for:	I keep ALL of what I'm legally allowed	I keep SOME of what I'm legally allowed	I keep NONE of what I'm legally allowed
Halibut	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
King Salmon	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Silver Salmon	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Red Salmon	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other Salmon (<i>pink, or chum</i>)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other Species	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

A11 Below are several reasons why you may release fish you could have legally kept. Indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following reasons. This question only deals with saltwater sport fishing in Alaska.

"I RELEASE SOME FISH I COULD HAVE LEGALLY KEPT BECAUSE . . ."	Strongly Agree	Agree	Feel Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
. . . I don't like to eat some types of fish.	<input type="radio"/>				
. . . Even though they are of legal size they are too small to keep.	<input type="radio"/>				
. . . I already caught what I plan to eat.	<input type="radio"/>				
. . . I enjoy the sport of catching and releasing fish.	<input type="radio"/>				
. . . I am interested in fisheries conservation.	<input type="radio"/>				
. . . I don't want to catch my limit too quickly.	<input type="radio"/>				
. . . Some are too big and don't taste as good.	<input type="radio"/>				
. . . Some look damaged or not in good shape.	<input type="radio"/>				

A12 If Alaska saltwater fishing conditions are the same in the future as they were in 2002, how likely is it that you would sport fish in the saltwater off Alaska within the next 3 years?

<input type="radio"/>	Certain to fish
<input type="radio"/>	Very likely
<input type="radio"/>	Somewhat likely
<input type="radio"/>	Not very likely
<input type="radio"/>	Definitely will not fish

C7 Please select the location(s) from which you fished or launched a boat **DURING YOUR MOST RECENT SALTWATER TRIP**. Indicate the number of days fished, and whether you fished with a charter service, on a private boat (yours or a friend's) or from shore. (**count partial days as full days**)

LOCATION BOARDED FISHING BOAT OR FISHED FROM	# DAYS FISHED		
	Charter	Private Boat	Shore
Anchor Point	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Deep Creek/Ninilchik	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Haines-Skagway	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Homer	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Juneau	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Kenai (city)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Ketchikan	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Kodiak	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Seward	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Sitka	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Valdez	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Other: _____	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Other: _____	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

C8 Please provide the following information for the species you fished for **DURING THIS TRIP**.

SPECIES	Number you personally KEPT	Number you personally RELEASED	AVERAGE Weight (lbs. per fish)
Halibut	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
King Salmon	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Silver Salmon	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Other Salmon: (<i>red, pink, or chum</i>)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

In this section we want to know about your preferences for different types of saltwater fishing trips in Alaska. Each question will ask you to **compare different types of trips that vary in the species caught (halibut, king salmon and silver salmon), the expected daily catch and size, the daily legal limit and the cost per day.** The cost per day is your personal share of the costs.

In the following tables, use the Charter Boat cost if that is the method you would be more likely to use for that choice. Likewise, use the Private Boat cost if that is the method you would be more likely to use for that choice. (Only use the Private Boat cost if you own or have access to a boat)

Please consider each choice (A, B or C) carefully, then answer the questions below the table.



		Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Halibut	Catch per day	NA	NA	Do something other than saltwater sport fishing in Alaska
	Legal daily limit	NA	NA	
	Average weight (lbs. per fish)	NA	NA	
King Salmon	Catch per day	NA	NA	
	Legal daily limit	NA	NA	
	Average weight (lbs. per fish)	NA	NA	
Silver Salmon	Catch per day	6	1	
	Legal daily limit	6	3	
	Average weight (lbs. per fish)	7	12	
Cost	Charter: \$265 Private: \$125	Charter: \$110 Private: \$35		

1 In the above table, which choice do you **MOST** prefer? (*select only one*)

<input type="radio"/>	Choice A
<input type="radio"/>	Choice B
<input type="radio"/>	Choice C → Skip to Question B2 on next page

2 If your choice above was the **ONLY** type of Alaska saltwater sport fishing available to you, how many **TRIPS** would you take per year? On average, how many **DAYS** would you fish during a trip?

TRIPS per year Average # **DAYS** per trip

3 What method and associated cost did you use when answering 1 and 2 above? (*select only one*)

<input type="radio"/>	Charter Boat
<input type="radio"/>	Private Boat



		Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Halibut	Catch per day	2	4	Do something other than saltwater sport fishing in Alaska
	Legal daily limit	1	1	
	Average weight (lbs. per fish)	20	40	
King Salmon	Catch per day	NA	NA	
	Legal daily limit	NA	NA	
	Average weight (lbs. per fish)	NA	NA	
Silver Salmon	Catch per day	1	6	
	Legal daily limit	3	3	
	Average weight (lbs. per fish)	12	12	
Cost	Charter: \$110 Private: \$35	Charter: \$265 Private: \$125		

1 In the above table, which choice do you **MOST** prefer? (*select only one*)

<input type="radio"/>	Choice A
<input type="radio"/>	Choice B
<input type="radio"/>	Choice C → Skip to Section C on next page

2 If your choice above was the **ONLY** type of Alaska saltwater sport fishing available to you, how many **TRIPS** would you take per year? On average, how many **DAYS** would you fish during a trip?

TRIPS per year Average # **DAYS** per trip

3 What method and associated cost did you use when answering 1 and 2 above? (*select only one*)

<input type="radio"/>	Charter Boat
<input type="radio"/>	Private Boat



		Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Halibut	Catch per day	NA	1	Do something other than saltwater sport fishing in Alaska
	Legal daily limit	NA	2	
	Average weight (lbs. per fish)	NA	40	
King Salmon	Catch per day	2	NA	
	Legal daily limit	1	NA	
	Average weight (lbs. per fish)	50	NA	
Silver Salmon	Catch per day	1	3	
	Legal daily limit	6	3	
	Average weight (lbs. per fish)	12	7	
Cost	Cost per day (per person)	Charter: \$265 Private: \$125	Charter: \$110 Private: \$35	



		Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Halibut	Catch per day	1	NA	Do something other than saltwater sport fishing in Alaska
	Legal daily limit	1	NA	
	Average weight (lbs. per fish)	20	NA	
King Salmon	Catch per day	1	1	
	Legal daily limit	1	2	
	Average weight (lbs. per fish)	15	25	
Silver Salmon	Catch per day	NA	6	
	Legal daily limit	NA	6	
	Average weight (lbs. per fish)	NA	12	
Cost	Cost per day (per person)	Charter: \$110 Private: \$35	Charter: \$265 Private: \$125	

1 In the above table, which choice do you **MOST** prefer? (*select only one*)

<input type="radio"/>	Choice A
<input type="radio"/>	Choice B
<input type="radio"/>	Choice C ➡ Skip to Question B6 on next page

2 If your choice above was the **ONLY** type of Alaska saltwater sport fishing available to you, how many **TRIPS** would you take per year? On average, how many **DAYS** would you fish during a trip?

TRIPS per year Average # **DAYS** per trip

3 What method and associated cost did you use when answering 1 and 2 above? (*select only one*)

<input type="radio"/>	Charter Boat
<input type="radio"/>	Private Boat

1 In the above table, which choice do you **MOST** prefer? (*select only one*)

<input type="radio"/>	Choice A
<input type="radio"/>	Choice B
<input type="radio"/>	Choice C ➡ Skip to Question B3 on next page

2 If your choice above was the **ONLY** type of Alaska saltwater sport fishing available to you, how many **TRIPS** would you take per year? On average, how many **DAYS** would you fish during a trip?

TRIPS per year Average # **DAYS** per trip

3 What method and associated cost did you use when answering 1 and 2 above? (*select only one*)

<input type="radio"/>	Charter Boat
<input type="radio"/>	Private Boat



		Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Halibut	Catch per day	1	NA	Do something other than saltwater sport fishing in Alaska
	Legal daily limit	2	NA	
	Average weight (lbs. per fish)	80	NA	
King Salmon	Catch per day	1	2	
	Legal daily limit	1	2	
	Average weight (lbs. per fish)	25	15	
Silver Salmon	Catch per day	NA	6	
	Legal daily limit	NA	6	
	Average weight (lbs. per fish)	NA	7	
Cost	Cost per day (per person)	Charter: \$110 Private: \$35	Charter: \$185 Private: \$70	



		Choice A	Choice B	Choice C
Halibut	Catch per day	NA	2	Do something other than saltwater sport fishing in Alaska
	Legal daily limit	NA	2	
	Average weight (lbs. per fish)	NA	80	
King Salmon	Catch per day	2	1	
	Legal daily limit	2	1	
	Average weight (lbs. per fish)	50	50	
Silver Salmon	Catch per day	3	NA	
	Legal daily limit	6	NA	
	Average weight (lbs. per fish)	7	NA	
Cost	Cost per day (per person)	Charter: \$185 Private: \$70	Charter: \$265 Private: \$125	

1 In the above table, which choice do you **MOST** prefer? (*select only one*)

<input type="radio"/>	Choice A
<input type="radio"/>	Choice B
<input type="radio"/>	Choice C ➡ Skip to Question B4 on next page

2 If your choice above was the **ONLY** type of Alaska saltwater sport fishing available to you, how many **TRIPS** would you take per year? On average, how many **DAYS** would you fish during a trip?

TRIPS per year Average # **DAYS** per trip

3 What method and associated cost did you use when answering 1 and 2 above? (*select only one*)

<input type="radio"/>	Charter Boat
<input type="radio"/>	Private Boat

1 In the above table, which choice do you **MOST** prefer? (*select only one*)

<input type="radio"/>	Choice A
<input type="radio"/>	Choice B
<input type="radio"/>	Choice C ➡ Skip to Question B5 on next page

2 If your choice above was the **ONLY** type of Alaska saltwater sport fishing available to you, how many **TRIPS** would you take per year? On average, how many **DAYS** would you fish during a trip?

TRIPS per year Average # **DAYS** per trip

3 What method and associated cost did you use when answering 1 and 2 above? (*select only one*)

<input type="radio"/>	Charter Boat
<input type="radio"/>	Private Boat